GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF COAL TO GUJARAT FROM NEARBY MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Gujarat is getting coal for power generation from coal fields located beyond the distance of 1600 kms;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Gujarat to allocate coal from the nearby coal mines so as to reduce the transportation cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Only one Thermal Power Station at Sikka in Gujarat is getting coal from a mine located beyond 1600 kms. Power Stations of Gujarat are getting part of their coal from the nearest mines of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) and major portion from distance wise next best alternative source i.e South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL). The allocation of coal on long-term and short-term basis is made by Standing Linkage Committee, an inter-Ministerial Committee, keeping in view, the availability of coal, logistic arrangement for evacuation of coal, qualitative requirement as per Ministry of Environment & Forest norms etc.

(b)&(c): The issue of rationalization of coal allocation to Gujarat from nearby coal companies was raised during the Chief Ministers Conference held by Union Ministry of Power on 28.5.2007.

(d): One of the thrust area identified by Union Government relates to locational rationalization of linkage from coalfields to the extent possible. For this purpose, a committee has been constituted in the Union Ministry of Power to examine the possibility of rationalization of existing linkages in respect of various Thermal Power Stations.